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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2170**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member ~~Members~~ Chesbro and Dickinson**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Section 4593.8 of, and to add Section 4594.8 to, the Public Resources Code, relating to forest resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2170, as amended, Chesbro. Forest resources: nonindustrial timber management plans.

Existing law authorizes a person who intends to become a nonindustrial tree farmer to file with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection a nonindustrial timber management plan, in accordance with specified requirements. Existing law authorizes the nonindustrial tree farmer to submit a proposed amendment to an approved nonindustrial timber management plan, but prohibits the nonindustrial tree farmer from taking any action that substantially deviates, as defined, from the approved plan until the amendment is filed with the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection and the director has determined that the amendment is in compliance with specified rules, regulations, and statutes in effect at the time the nonindustrial timber management plan was approved, in accordance with specified procedures.

This bill would require the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt regulations, no later than January 1, 2014, to provide for an appeal procedure in the event the department cancels a previously approved nonindustrial timber management plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that there have*  
2     *been 693 nonindustrial timber management plans found to be in*  
3     *conformance with state law by the Department of Forestry and*  
4     *Fire Protection, covering a combined area of 283,000 acres.*

5     ~~SECTION 1.~~

6     SEC. 2. Section 4593.8 of the Public Resources Code is  
7     amended to read:

8     4593.8. The nonindustrial tree farmer may submit a proposed  
9     amendment to the approved plan and may not take any action that  
10    substantially deviates, as defined by the board, from the approved  
11    plan until the amendment has been filed with the director and the  
12    director has determined that the amendment is in compliance with  
13    the rules and regulations of the board and the provisions of this  
14    chapter that were in effect at the time the nonindustrial timber  
15    management plan was approved, in accordance with the same  
16    procedures specified in Section 4593.7.

17    ~~SEC. 2.~~

18    SEC. 3. Section 4594.8 is added to the Public Resources Code,  
19    to read:

20    4594.8. The board shall adopt regulations, no later than January  
21    1, 2014, to provide for an appeal procedure in the event that the  
22    department cancels a previously approved nonindustrial timber  
23    management plan.